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Title: CATALYST HAVING AT LEAST ONE ELEMENT OF GROUP VIIB AND ITS  
USE HYDRO-TREATING

**STATEMENT ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully disagree with the reasons given for allowance to the extent that they focus on the amount of rhenium present within the catalyst as the only element which distinguishes the art. Applicants maintain that there are other features which distinguish the art such as the combination of phosphorous and rhenium, which is itself a distinguishing feature.

Respectfully submitted,

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